

# FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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## NEWS FROM THE DIVISION

### STATE ARCHIVES CLOSURE MARCH 4-27, 2015

A message from the State Archivist:

Between March 4—27, the Alaska State Archives Research Room will be closed and reference services curtailed so that staff can transfer and process approximately 10,000 boxes and court volumes from its 141 Willoughby Avenue facility into the new SLAM building.

Please contact me with any questions regarding pressing requests. Urgent research and reference requests will be processed by staff through the Historical Collections at the State Library. Non-urgent requests will be processed beginning March 31, 2015.

I would like to apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you.

Thank you.

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## **SCHOOL BAG AWARDS \$5 MILLION TO 27 SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

On February 20, the Alaska State Library's grants administrator Alex Pock sent 27 School Broadband Assistance Grant (BAG) awards totaling \$5 million to Juneau for payment. These funds will be used by the districts to increase school bandwidth up to 10 mbps at nearly 150 rural schools in Alaska from February through June 2015. Alex will distribute the FY2016 School BAG application before March 1, 2015. Applications for FY2016 will be due by March 26. Governor Walker's proposed budget for next year includes a \$2 million reduction in School BAG funding to \$3 million.

## **LAM FY 2016 BUDGET UPDATE**

This week the House Finance Subcommittee for Education made following recommendation to the House Finance Committee for the Education and Early Development budget. Here are lowlights for the Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums.

For LAM, in addition to the 1 position cut, funding cut for .5 position, OWL cut of \$42.0 and \$2 million cut for SchoolBAG grants already in the amended governor's budget (cuts of \$2,142.1 to the library component), the committee proposed to:

- Cut all OWL funding: \$761.8 – rationale: this is not part of the mission of EED and is a local responsibility
- Cut all Live Homework Help funding: \$138.2 – rationale: not a quantifiable effect for the program
- Cut all SchoolBAG funding: \$5 million – rationale: districts have only had this for a year and haven't gotten used to it yet; local responsibility
- Reduce Archives component by 15% undesignated general fund (UGF) plus 2.5% personnel funds for a total of \$191.0
- Reduce Museums component by 15% UGF plus 2.5% personnel funds for a total of \$286.7
- Reduce Libraries component by 2.5% personnel for \$77.1

Should you wish to read all the documents from last night, here is a link:

[http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Meeting/Detail?Meeting=HEED%202015-02-24%2018:00:00#tab4\\_4](http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Meeting/Detail?Meeting=HEED%202015-02-24%2018:00:00#tab4_4) There is no audio/video online.

Here's our summary for LAM: Total recommended cuts: \$6,554.9 from original LAM total budget for FY16. For comparison, a little FY16 budget evolution chart for UGF only is below.

(Read the numbers like this: .1 = 100; 1.0 = 1000; 1,000.0 = a million)

	Original (Parnell) Budget	Walker Amended Budget	House Subcommittee Recommended Budget
Library Operations (incl SchoolBAG)	9,964.1	7,864.0	4,786.9
Archives Operations	1,145.3	1,145.3	954.3
Museums Operations	1,724.8	1,724.8	1,438.1
OWL	761.8	719.8	0
Live Homework Help	138.2	138.2	0
Totals	13,734.2	11,592.1	7,179.3

We emphasize that these last figures are recommendations from the House Subcommittee, which then go to the House Finance Committee, then to the House itself for review, amendments, and votes. Meanwhile, the Senate is doing the same process, independently. Then differences are reconciled. So things could improve, stay the same or get worse.

Those who wish to contact their legislators about budget or other concerns have a few options. The [House](#) and [Senate](#) pages have e-mail contact information for each legislator. If your message can be limited to 50 words or less you can use the [Public Opinion Message System \(POMS\)](#).

## NEWS FROM L.A.M.S IN ALASKA

### ALASKA'S CRAIG PUBLIC LIBRARY SHORTLISTED FOR 2015 NATIONAL MEDAL FOR MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICE

We in the Division were cheered by the following press release. Go Craig!

WASHINGTON (FEBRUARY 24, 2015) – The Institute of Museum and Library Services today announced that Alaska's Craig Public Library is among the 30 finalists for the 2015 National Medal for Museum and Library Service.

The National Medal is the nation's highest honor given to museums and libraries for service to the community. For 21 years, the award has celebrated institutions that demonstrate extraordinary and innovative approaches to public service to make a difference for individuals, families, and communities.

"Museums and libraries are the lifeblood of our communities, serving as trusted providers of critical resources, educational training, skills development, and civic and cultural enrichment," said Maura Marx, acting director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services. "We salute Craig Public Library for exemplary leadership in promoting lifelong learning while engaging and inspiring the public."

Finalists are chosen because of their significant and exceptional contributions to their communities. IMLS is encouraging community members who have visited Craig Public Library to share their story on the IMLS Facebook page. To [\\_Share Your Story\\_](#) and learn more about how these institutions make an impact, please visit [www.facebook.com/USIMLS](http://www.facebook.com/USIMLS)

The National Medal winners will be named later this spring, and representatives from winning institutions will travel to Washington, D.C. to be honored at the National Medal award ceremony.

To see the full list of finalists and learn more about the National Medal, visit [www.imls.gov/medals](http://www.imls.gov/medals)

In a recent Facebook posting, Craig Librarian Amy Marshall gave some credit to the OWL program for bringing her library this national attention:

Know what ELSE is cool? It's thanks in part to the [Alaska OWL Project](#) and GCI for Libraries (<https://www.facebook.com/GCIAK>) that [The Craig Public Library](#) [is] on the [Institute of Museum and Library Services](#) list. Broadband and video conferencing support from Shane and Chris and Carolyn, Matt and Artem opened up new worlds to Craig. Jim and Dominic, Mariah and Scott awesomely showed the world that connectivity in rural Alaska matters! A HUGE Shout-out and THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart!

## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ALASKAN SANBORN FIRE INSURANCE MAPS FROM LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Recently we discovered that the Library of Congress has [digitized 21 Sanborn Fire Insurance maps](#) of Alaskan communities from the early 1900s. As of this writing the following communities were available online:

Anchorage	Bettles	Chena	Circle City
Douglas	Haines	Juneau	Ketchikan
Nenana	Rampart	Saint Michael	Sitka
Skagway	Tanana	Treadwell	Valdez
Wrangell			

These maps are part of a larger collection of Sanborn Maps from around the country. See <http://www.loc.gov/collections/sanborn-maps/> for more information.

### PSA - MARIJUANA USE IN ALASKA

If your staff and patrons have not already seen it, the Governor's office released a Public Service Announcement on Marijuana Use in Alaska. It can be found at <http://gov.alaska.gov/Walker/press-room/full-press-release.html?pr=7084>

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